

Sheet can be used to state or explain anything they wish to add. Robert Lake reported that SIIP had accepted the recommendation that the SSDS910 (Deaf) return should end, but the return is subject to wider consultation, so it has to be completed this year. Conversely, it has been recommended that the SSDA902 (Blind) Return remains, although that is currently with the Dept. of Health. He also reminded the group that the deadline for the AVA return (which is voluntary for this year but mandatory from 2010/11), has been extended to June 16th to help ease the pressure on LAs a bit.

Review of Collection (Robert Lake, IC)

Further to the large scale review of data collections carried out in 2008, it was also agreed that adult social care collections would be subject to ongoing review. Another mini review is therefore now planned to see if the remaining data is still required and to look ahead at future information requirements to ensure that the data returns continue to only collect information that is useful both locally and centrally.

There are currently a number of matters that are unknown at this stage which could affect the review, namely the election, the outcome of the NIS Review and the strategic direction for social care informatics following a workshop for SIIP on 30th April. Over the next few months, the outcome of these matters will become clearer. (They are starting from a zero base this time to determine what it is

necessary to collect, rather than from the point of what is collected now.) This issue will therefore be discussed further at the July ARG meeting.

ARG Workplan (Kate Anderson, IC)

Robert Lake offered to circulate the SIIP minutes to ARG members, as SIIP now gets ARG minutes.

A proposed workplan for ARG had been circulated to members and was agreed, with the addition of Free Personal Care in July. This will be added to the IC website soon.

CRILL Return (Steve Willner, CQC)

Steve reported that the return had been analysed in relation to both the snapshot figures and the admissions over six months. LA reps thought that having a choice of data had helped them this year. If a new NI is to be considered, this data might be cut differently in future. Members asked why the CRILL return looked effectively at the same snapshot to the ASC-CAR return (albeit in more detail), but at a different time (thereby making more work for LAs), and raised the question of whether this could be changed. Steve welcomed comments on this, which can be submitted with the NIS development site:

<https://govx.socitm.gov.uk/spaces/nisdevelopment/>

ADSW News

The ADSW Annual Conference was held between 12 – 14th May. The following papers (ppts) are currently available on the ADSW website; <http://www.adsw.org.uk/Events/Event-Presentations/>

- Change, Evidence and Challenges – Youth Justice Developments in Scotland - Professor Bill Whyte
- Integrated Services - Impossibility or Inevitability? - Sir John Arbuthnott
- How do we do this? Organisational change to meet the challenges - Peter Hay
- Reaching out to Communities - Camila Batmanghelidjh
- Learning from others: the European Dimension - Lars-Göran Jansson
- Taming Tigers - Jim Lawless
- A Public Approach to Social Care - Harry Burns

The ADSW Performance Management, Information and Research Sub Group

The current priorities of the group are to:

1. Develop a set of research priorities based on feedback from the other ADSW committees and subgroups. This could be used by researchers (from students to academics) to identify topics of interest
2. Carry out a survey of current performance management arrangements in Scottish LAs - the survey tool is currently being developed
3. Consider research access requests made to ADSW – a standard template is being developed for use in assessing requests
4. Carry out a survey of current methods of involving service users and carers

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